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1. The "trusts" operating in North Korea are groups of workers in the same industry and include construction trusts, fishing trusts, and others. Trust employees receive 750 grams of rice per day plus a supplementary ration of 300 grams per day for each dependent. According to wage regulations fixed by labor laws, workers also receive work clothes, gloves, and rubber shoes.

P'yongyang First Construction Trust

2. The P'yongyang First Construction Trust is in a one-story building about 1,000 meters north of the P'yongyang Station. This building is 12 meters long, 5 or 6 meters wide, and 5 meters high. Offices of the Trust include the following divisions: transportation, operations, accounts, construction, labor, and the manager's office.
3. Wages in the P'yongyang First Construction Trust are as follows:¹

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>WON PER MONTH</u>	<u>BONUS</u>
Laborer	1,100-1,200	25 percent
Skilled laborer	1,300	25 percent
Clerk	1,300	25 percent
Section chief	1,400	25 percent
Bureau director	1,500	25 percent
Manager (2nd class enterprise)	4,000	25 percent

The 25 percent monthly bonus was awarded to all workers in government-operated enterprises in North Korea by a Cabinet decision of March 1954,

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effective April 1954. The bonus system is still in effect.

4. Since late 1954 workers and clerks in government-operated enterprises have also received a yearly bonus. In the P'yongyang area the bonus amounts to 100 percent of the monthly salary, while in other areas 50 percent of the monthly salary is given.

Ch'ongjin Trust of the Department of Fishery

5. This trust is in a one-story brick building in Haebang-dong, Ch'ongjin City at EB6725. This building, which was completed in October 1954, measures 15 meters in length, 6 meters in width, and is 6 meters high.

Classification of Government-operated Enterprises²

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF WORKERS</u>
First	Over 2,000
Second	1,200-2,000
Third	Approximately 1,000
Fourth	Up to 1,000

Comments

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1. According to information of January-February 1955 [redacted] these wages are considerably lower for all comparable positions but possibly the bonus system makes up the difference.
2. [redacted] there are three classes of enterprises based on the number of workers. First class enterprises employ 5,000 workers, second class, 3,000, and third class, less than 500. All enterprises thus classified were of nongovernmental or noneducational nature.

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